

In re Appln. of Alan F. Savicki
Application No. 10/049,536

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner James R. Brittain for spending the time and effort to conduct a telephonic interview with applicant's attorney, John M. Augustyn. During the interview, the following items were discussed: the Office Action dated November 29, 2002; the Kettner et al. patent (U.S. Patent 5,356,222); the Pope patent (U.S. Patent 5,140,796); and possible amendments to the claims.

The Office Action objected to the listing of references in the specification as not being a proper Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant is submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement in response to the Examiner's objection.

The Office Action also stated that claims 1-10, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kettner et al. (U.S. 5,356,222). In addition, the Office Action stated that claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kettner et al. (U.S. 5,356,222) and in view of Pope (U.S. 5,140,796). Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's reasons for rejection. However, in order to expedite issuance of the application as a patent, applicant has amended the claims to define the Y and Z axes so as to define over the orientation proposed by the Examiner.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the

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prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is
invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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